Statement of Myles Lash, President Washington Hospital Center

Zoning Application No. 02-43
MedStar Health Second Stage PUD Application

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.02-43
EXHIBIT NO.19

Background of the Case

- 2nd stage application- the result of planning process initiated in 1998
- Public hearing on map amendment, December 2000
- Application modified to PUD in 2001
- ZC approves final order for 1st stage PUD in October 2002

Why This Rezoning is Necessary

- No allowable FAR for expansion
- Immediate capacity issues- ER,trauma, ICU beds
- Emergency preparedness needs

Why This Rezoning is Necessary

- Crowded clinical programs-heart, cancer
- Major infrastructure problems – electrical, HVAC
- Pedestrian and vehicular circulation problems

Why Flexibility is Needed

- Rapid, unpredictable changes in medical practice and technology
- Changing health care environment in DC -
  - DC General & Columbia Hospital closings; Greater SE bankruptcy
- Challenges/obligations for emergency preparedness

Why Master Plan Development Is Crucial

- Improve traffic and parking and internal circulation
- Add teaching and research space
- Expand community services

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Why Master Plan Development Is Crucial

- **Maintain world-class medical services**
- **Accommodate new medical technology**
- **Consolidate and make ambulatory services more accessible**

WHC – Keystone of District's Hospital System

- District's largest provider to DC residents
- Busiest ER and trauma services
- Largest provider of un-sponsored care to DC residents- $45 million in 2001
- Employ over 5,500 workers; 1,500 physicians on medical staff
- Major purchaser of goods and services
- $750 million operation

Transportation Management Program

- **Current elements of TM programs**
  - **Direct metro bus routes and amenities**
  - **Shuttle bus services from Brookland with link to satellite parking**
  - **Satellite parking at Michigan and 1st St**
  - **"Metro Check" program**
  - **Off-peak shifts/variable work schedules**

Transportation Management Program

- **Future TM programs**
  - **Survey of employees**
  - **Expansion of shuttle services to additional metro stations**
  - **Van and car pooling**
  - **Work scheduling and telecommuting**